



## Colombia Program Homestay FAQ's

### Can you tell me more about the students coming to my school?

Your school will be hosting female students at the grade 6/7 level from Medellin, Colombia. They attend an English Immersion school so are fluent in English and very excited about becoming a part of a Canadian family.

### What are the details of this program?

This group will be here to participate in a cultural and language integration program in our CBE schools and will be integrated into regular classes. In addition, they will participate in CBE guided fieldtrips (TBD - may include a day trip to Banff, the Calgary Zoo, Drumheller, and a city center tour of Glenbow Museum, Olympic Plaza, City Hall, and Calgary Tower).

They will be eager to do other activities with their Canadian families, such as Heritage Park and other local sites, hockey, riding bikes, raking leaves, and especially to participate in any snow-related activities!

### What are the program dates?

September 26 to November 5, 2015

### Will some of my out-of-pocket expenses be reimbursed?

All host families will receive a stipend to go towards their out-of-pocket expenses in the amount of \$25 per day.

### What are the requirements for becoming a host family?

We are now accepting applications from interested host families who:

- Are an active, warm, kind and engaging family;
- Speak English as the primary language in the home;
- Will include the student in their day-to-day family life;
- Will take their student on outings and fun activities;
- Will share information about our Canadian, Albertan and Calgarian culture;
- Will provide the student with their own private furnished bedroom for the duration of their stay (preferably in a main or upper floor bedroom);
- Are available to do some driving (e.g., pick-up, drop-off for field trips);
- Have Police Clearances on file for all individuals in the home who are over 18 years of age – **in place by June 30, 2015**;
- Will ensure the entire family is available for a visit to their home for a tour and family interview;
- Have a child(ren) attending any of these schools: Nickle, Samuel W. Shaw, Fish Creek or Mountain Park.



### How do I apply to become a host family?

If you are interested in applying for this program, complete the application form which can be found at <http://cbeinternational.ca/colombia.htm> and submit to:

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### Who do I contact for more information:

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### Note on police checks:

Please do not wait for confirmation of participation to get your police checks underway. These are required documents if you volunteer at your child's school so it is a good idea to have these on file at the school office.

Details on applying for a police check can be found at the following link:  
<http://cbeinternational.ca/colombia.htm>